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~~1. A system for determining the position of one or more items of interest in a selected category, comprising:~~

~~a database for storing information about the items of interest, the information including, for each of the items of interest, a geographic position and at least one associated category; and~~

~~a plurality of ports for accessing the database through the Internet, each port having a user interface for accepting inputs by a user of the system and for indicating to the user the position of at least one item of interest.~~

2. A system of claim 1, wherein the items of interest comprise one or more business categories.

3. A system of claim 1, wherein the port comprises a computer display.

4. A system of claim 1, wherein the port comprises a printer.

5. A system of claim 1, wherein the database further comprises additional detail about at least one item of interest, such that the user can access the additional detail through the user interface.

6. A system of claim 5, wherein the additional detail comprises information about the one item of interest.

7. A system of claim 6, wherein the additional detail comprises an advertisement about the one item of interest.

8. A system of claim 1, wherein at least one of the ports comprises a graphic display.

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9. A system of claim 1, wherein at least one of the ports comprises a voice-recognition user interface to accept inputs from the user.

10. A system of claim 1, wherein at least one of the ports comprises a speaker for indicating to the user the position of at least one item of interest.

11. A system of claim 1, wherein at least one of the ports repeatedly updates its geographic position as input to the system.

12. A system of claim 1, wherein at least one of the ports automatically updates and displays its position for the user.

13. A system of claim 12, wherein the one port comprises a GPS receiver.

14. A system for providing position information regarding one or more items of interest in a selected category, comprising:
a database for storing information about the items of interest, the information including, for each of the items of interest, a geographic position and at least one associated category; and
a communications link for connecting the database to a plurality of remote ports, wherein a user at one of the ports can access the geographic position of one or more selected items of interest.

15. A system of claim 14, further comprising a plurality of ports, wherein at least one of the ports comprises a phone, and wherein the communications link comprises a cellular communications link.

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16. A system of claim 14, further comprising a plurality of ports, wherein at least one of the ports comprises a mobile remote computer, and wherein the communications link comprises an Internet communications link.

17. A system of claim 14, wherein the communications link has a speed equal to or exceeding 9600 baud.

18. A method of generating position information of items of interest to users of the Internet, comprising the steps of:

storing position information for one or more of the items of interest within a database connected to the Internet, and

providing the position information to one of a plurality of remote ports connected to the database in response to user requests at the one remote port.

19. A method of claim 18, wherein the step of providing comprises generating a map at the remote port wherein the position information is displayed graphically to the user.

20. A method of claim 18, further comprising the steps of utilizing GPS data to define a current location and providing position information relative to the current location.

21. A method of claim 18, further comprising the step of geographically locating the one remote port to define a current location and providing position information relative to the current location.

22. A method of claim 18, wherein the step of providing the position information comprises communicating the information over a cellular communications link.

23. A method of claim 18, wherein the step of providing the position information to one remote port of a plurality of remote ports comprises providing the position

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information to a phone, and wherein at the communications link comprises a telephone link.

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24. A method for determining the position of one or more items of interest in a selected category, comprising:

storing information about the items of interest in a database, the information including, for each of the items of interest, a geographic position and at least one associated category; and

supplying information about at least one of the items of interest to one of a plurality of ports, connected to the database at least in part through the Internet, in response to inputs at the one port.

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25. A method of claim 24, wherein the step of supplying comprises relaying information through a cellular communications link to a phone.

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26. A method of claim 24, further comprising the step of hierarchically displaying geographical information at the one port in response to user inputs at the one port.

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27. A method of claim 24, wherein the step of supplying comprises relaying information through a cellular communications link to a laptop computer.

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28. A method of claim 24, wherein the step of supplying comprises supplying the information items within a radius about the one port.

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29. A method of claim 28, further comprising selecting the radius at the remote port.

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30. A method of claim 24, further comprising inputting a distinct address at the remote port.

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21 31. A method of claim 24, wherein the step of supplying information comprises supplying advertising information about a business.

22 32. A method of claim 31, further comprising storing the advertising information in a database and updating the advertising information remotely from the database.

23 33. A method of claim 24, wherein the step of supplying information comprises supplying one or more of video clips and digitized images related to the one item of interest.

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